



Los Angeles County  
Department of Regional Planning

*Planning for the Challenges Ahead*



September 28, 2005

James E. Hartl AICP  
Director of Planning

TO: Supervisor Gloria Molina, Chair  
Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke  
Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky  
Supervisor Don Knabe  
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

FROM: James E. Hartl, AICP  
Director of Planning

SUBJECT: 2005 GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

The attached annual progress report describes the status of the County's General Plan Update program and progress in implementing key Housing Element programs, including reporting the County's progress toward meeting regional housing needs. Government Code Section 65400(b) mandates that all cities and counties submit to their legislative bodies an annual report on the status of the general plan and progress in its implementation on or before October 1, 2005.

The annual progress report is intended as a tool for informing local legislative bodies of the jurisdiction's effectiveness in implementing its general plan. A copy of this report must be sent to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) by the October 1 statutory deadline. Providing a copy to HCD fulfills a statutory requirement to report certain housing information, including the local agency's progress in meeting its share of regional housing needs and local efforts to remove governmental constraints to the development of housing, as defined in Government Code Sections 65584 and 65583(c)(3).

The report focuses on the progress to date on several key Housing Element programs, including work on a second unit ordinance, farm worker housing, identifying sites for multi-family housing, and the status of the Housing Advisory Committee. The County has also made accomplishments on the following housing-related projects that are described in more detail in the attached report:

- Adoption of the Green Line Transit Oriented District (TOD)
- Completion of the Green Line TOD Infill Estimation Study
- Commencement of the County's Urban Infill Estimation Project
- Planning Commission Public Hearing on the Density Bonus Ordinance
- Implementation of the County's Infill Sites Utilization Program
- Special Needs Housing Alliance

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
General Plan Annual Progress Report  
September 28, 2005  
Page 2

The report also describes the County's progress toward meeting the housing construction 'fair share' targets established through the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) process. As this report includes the final twelve months of the current Housing Element planning period (January 1, 1998 to June 30, 2005), it should be noted that the County has achieved 43 percent of the total RHNA allocation for the unincorporated area through the issuance of building permits for 22,551 residential units as compared to the 52,232 unit construction target for the planning period. Additional discussion of the County's progress on the RHNA can be found on pages 5-7 of the report.

Should you have any questions regarding the report, please contact me, or Julie Moore of my staff at (213) 974-6425.

JEH:jtm

Attachment

1. General Plan Annual Progress Report

C: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors  
Community Development Commission  
Department of Public Works  
Fire Department